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TASK FORCE FOR EREC
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a High Power Task Force set up by Government in May, 1999 headed by Prof. Gaur to study the setting up of an Earthquake Risk Evaluation Centre (EREC);

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have received the report of Task Force;

(d) if so, the main suggestions given by task force;

(e) whether the said suggestions have been examined and implemented;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a), (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. A Task Force was set up by the Government in May, 1999 under the Chairmanship of Prof. V.K. Gaur to work out the modalities of setting up an Earthquake Risk Evaluation Centre (EREC). The report of the Task Force has been received.

(d) The Task Force has suggested to set up an autonomous centre under the Department of Science and Technology (DST).The primary responsibility of EREC will be to provide earthquake risk maps and figures for designated areas / sites.

(e) & (f) The report of the Task Force has been examined by the Committee of Secretaries and approved in its meeting held on 19.09.2000. Preparatory action has been initiated to implement the report.

(g) Not applicable.